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The Honorable Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Bennet

Enclosed is a copy of one of several petitions I have received from constituents regarding recent events in Guyana [illegible] are reviewing the enclosure and your response to the specific questions contained therein.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Frank Church
Chairman

Enclosure

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Ketchum, Idaho
February 1979

OPEN LETTER TO:
Senator Frank Church, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510
Senator James McClure, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510
Congressman George Hansen, House of Representatives, Washington 20515
Congressman Steve Symms, House of Representatives, Washington 20515.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned loyal citizens of these United States of America and residents of the State of Idaho, have waited with enough patience for the answers to some questions. Since no explanation of the events which disturb us has been offered freely, we now ask you, as our representatives in the Congress of our country to give us brief and concise answers to the following questions in regard to the recent events in Jonestown, Guyana:

1. Under which statute of our country were our military ordered to go to Guyana to remove the bodies of these self-exiled people at the expense of the American taxpayer?
   a) Please state the statute number.
   b) Please quote its exact wording.

2. Which department of our government was responsible for giving the order which cost us taxpayers seven million dollars ($7,000,000.00) minimum?

3. What is the name of the individual, military, layman or whoever, who gave the order to send men and equipment to return to our country the bodies of individuals who, although carrying United States passports, chose to leave their monies to the U.S.S.R.?
   a) What is the official title of this individual?

4. If any of us, the undersigned, were to die in a foreign land while carrying our United States passports, can our families be assured that our remains will be returned to these United States by United States military personnel and equipment at the expense of the United States government?
   a) If no, why not?

We await your published answers with the greatest impatience.

Respectfully yours,
Concerned Citizens, c/o P.O.Box 157, Ketchum, Idaho 83340

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